It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the

specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully

requested.

Claims 27-52 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 27-52 are kept unchanged.

Claims 27-52 are pending in the application.

Applicant elects, without traverse, polymer (i) obtained by polymerising monomer (I0

and (II'), wherein (I) is maleic acid and (II') is diisobuylene (2,4,4-trimethyl-1-

pentene), as a water soluble or water dispersible compound of the granules. The

elected polymer corresponds to the polymer named Geropon T 36 which is more

particularly defined on page 18, lines 7-20 and used in the examples of the instant

specification.

Claims 27, 29-32, 34, 39 and 42-52 are readable upon the elected species.

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**AMENDMENT** 

Should the Examiner have any question concerning these elections and remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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